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## **KC MAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS FOR ARMED BANK ROBBERY ATTEMPT**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for attempted armed bank robbery and federal firearms violations.

**Jimmy J. Bowman**, 41, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to 16 years in federal prison without parole.

Graves noted that today's sentence reflects the government's motion for an upward departure, which the court granted. "We asked the court to sentence this defendant above the recommended range under the federal sentencing guidelines, and we are satisfied that a just sentence has been ordered," Graves said. "In light of **Jimmy Bowman's** long criminal history and violent background, a lengthy prison sentence is the best way to protect our community."

On Sept. 23, 2004, **Jimmy Bowman** and his brother, **James E. Bowman**, 39, also of Kansas City, were convicted by a jury of all charges contained in an Aug. 10, 2004, federal indictment. The **Bowman** brothers were found guilty of conspiracy, attempted armed bank robbery, use of a firearm during a crime of violence, and being felons in possession of a firearm.

The **Bowmans**, along with co-defendant **Daniel D. Salazar**, 20, also of Kansas City, confronted an employee who routinely cleans the Bank of America building at 8550 Holmes in Kansas City, as he arrived for work at 5:40 a.m. on May 12, 2004. **Jimmy Bowman**, who was carrying a handgun, forced the employee to open the door as **James Bowman** (also carrying a handgun) and **Salazar** approached. The robbers repeatedly ordered the employee to open the bank's vaults and teller drawers, Graves said, but he told them he did not have access to any of the bank's money. When the robbers realized the employee was not able to provide them with any money, they left the bank.

**Salazar** contacted the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department on May 13, 2004, and offered to provide information about the attempted robbery of Bank of America that occurred the day before. Local television and newspaper media had advertised a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for that attempted robbery and related unsolved bank robberies, Graves explained. **Salazar** hoped to claim that reward by providing information about his co-conspirators.

In the course of their investigation, Graves said, law enforcement officers learned that **Salazar** was one of the three men who participated in the attempted bank robbery.

On March 9, 2005, **James Bowman** was sentenced to 26 years and seven months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 26, 2005, **Salazar** was sentenced to two years and eight months in federal prison without parole, after pleading guilty to his role in the attempted bank robbery.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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